

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE MID AMERICA CROPLIFE ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) on its recent 50th Anniversary. Founded in 1958 by Herbert Woodbury, Porter Williams, Robert Yapp, Harold Howard, Doug Nelson, Wally Smith, and G. E. Zackert, MACA has represented the agricultural chemical companies of the Midwest whose products help feed the world.

From humble beginnings MACA has led the industry for 5 decades in growing membership, developing industry safety guidelines, and educating our youth on the processes that feed the world.

Madam Speaker, since its creation, MACA has incorporated membership from basic manufacturers, distributors, formulators, and allied industry representatives. Having input from such a broad membership, MACA has been an industry leader in creating guidelines for agriculture safety and the crop protection industry. MACA's dedication is so apparent they have developed member guidelines and standards above and beyond those required by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation.

In addition to their industry development, MACA has reached out to our local communities by speaking at local elementary schools to educate children on the process of agriculture from the farm to our table. In my community MACA participants reached out to the 4th and 5th grade classes at Central Elementary in Des Plaines. Since the inception of the MACA's CropLife Ambassador Network, over 25,000 students have been provided scientifically based information regarding the safety and value of American agricultural food production.

From its modest start to its present day roster of members on the Fortune 500, MACA has been a voice for agriculture and the agricultural chemical professionals who serve those who feed the world. I congratulate MACA on this achievement and wish them another successful fifty years.

CONGRATULATING HERMAN K. WILLIAMS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Mr. Herman K. Williams on the occa-

sion of his retirement from The Family Christian Association of America, Inc (FCAA) as the Founder and President/CEO. Mr. Williams can look back on a proud career of service and distinction in community leadership.

A native of Arcadia, Florida, Mr. Williams moved to South Florida at an early age. He graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 1961. A talented athlete and scholar, Mr. Williams received scholarships in both athletics and academics. During his early college years, he was drafted by the Army, but opted for the United States Air Force, where he served a tour of duty in Europe. While in military service, he was involved in recreational and sporting activities, often spearheading leagues. Mr. Williams attended South Carolina State University and Florida Memorial College, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in physical education. He also attended Nova Southeastern University, where he studied public administration.

In 1970, Mr. Williams began working with the YMCA of Greater Miami as the Executive Director of the G.W. Carver Branch, and later became the Senior Vice President for Operations. Following his vision of helping youths and their families, he founded The Family Christian Association of America, Inc. (FCAA) in February 1984 where he served as the President/CEO. Under his leadership, FCAA provides a variety of services and programs that serve youth and families in Miami-Dade, Broward, Brevard, Alachua, and Highlands Counties. Some of the programs include Head Start and Early Head Start Child Development, after school care, youth development, sports, and the Black Achievers of Excellence program.

Mr. Williams founded the Florida Consortium of Black Faith Based Organizations, Inc. (FCOBFBO), which is a statewide organization that supports and enhances the efforts of its members to affect economic social and policy changes in their communities, in 1999. He served as the Chairman/CEO.

In an effort to complement his professional achievements, Mr. Williams is involved with various organizations such as past Board Chairman of the Florida Industries Credit Union, member of Zeta Royal Center Advisory Board, Society of Human Resource Management, National Society of Fundraising Executives, American Compensation Association, and Miami-Dade United Way Agency Resource Management Committee. This public servant is married to Mrs. Mary E. Williams.

Mr. Herman K. Williams is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Mr. Williams for over 25 years of dedicated services to the community, and wish him and his family the very best in retirement. Now, in retirement, he embarks upon new challenges in life and I am certain his legacy of greatness will only grow and develop as he enters this new phase of life.

RECOGNIZING THE INPATIENT REHABCARE TEAM AT THE VIRGINIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Inpatient RehabCare team at the Virginia Regional Medical Center for their safety education and outreach to Minnesota's youth. In addition to their outstanding work at the Medical Center, the RehabCare team educates elementary school students throughout Virginia of the tremendous health risks associated with riding a bicycle without a helmet.

They recognize the importance of educating our youth during their formative years—at the age when they are most receptive—of the possible life-altering brain injuries that could result from not wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle.

In particular, Madam Speaker, I wish to laud the Inpatient RehabCare team in their most recent outreach to fourth grade students at Roosevelt Elementary School in Virginia.

Each fourth grade class participated in a safety awareness session where they learned about the lasting consequences of brain injuries and the importance of wearing bicycle helmets.

Students received real-life simulations of what their lives would be like with such brain injuries, demonstrating the difficulty of everyday tasks and making a lasting impression on the students on the importance of taking safety precautions when riding a bicycle.

Such hands-on scenarios—combined with the team's helmet safety information and their direct experience with assisting patients who have suffered brain trauma—provided these elementary students with invaluable life lessons in bicycle safety and the severity of brain injuries.

It is vital that we teach our children about the many benefits of active and healthy transportation and recreation through cycling; and safety education must go hand-in-hand with these lessons.

The RehabCare team's effective outreach to children is noteworthy and ought to be replicated throughout the nation. Their work—and the work of similar groups in the United States—is deserving of our recognition and continued support.

I thank the Virginia Medical Center's Inpatient RehabCare team for their inspiring leadership and dedicated work to instill in our children a lifetime of bicycle safety habits.

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